REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 10 have been amended and claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 11-13 have been added. Claims 1-8 and 10-13 are now pending and under consideration. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment. Reconsideration of claims 1-8 and 10-13 is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 6-8 AND 10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 10 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims 1, 2, 6-8 and 10 is respectfully requested.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIM 9 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101:

As mentioned above, claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER ROBERTSON ET AL. (US PATENT NO. 6,594,799; HEREINAFTER ROBERTSON) IN VIEW OF VAN HUBEN ET AL. (US PATENT NO. 5,950,201; HEREINAFTER VAN HUBEN):

The present invention as recited in claim 1, for example, relates to a server apparatus for controlling the transit of information relative to a noise countermeasure, comprising registered noise countermeasure information storing means for storing noise countermeasure information requested for registration by a registration terminal in the registration terminal connected via a network; circuit information acquiring means for acquiring circuit information from a user terminal connected via the network, which use the registered noise countermeasure information; noise countermeasure list information generating means for generating noise countermeasure list information based on said registered noise countermeasure information and said circuit information, and transmitting the generated noise countermeasure list information to said user terminal; noise countermeasure information determining means for determining noise countermeasure

information based on an item selected by the user from said noise countermeasure list information, and transmitting the determined noise countermeasure information to said user terminal; and charging control means for performing a charging control process with respect to said noise countermeasure information that has been provided.

In addition, the present invention discloses a client apparatus connected to a server via a network, a method of controlling transit information of information relative to a noise countermeasure and a computer-readable recording medium storing a transit control program for executing a transit control process.

Robertson discloses in FIG. 1, a portal connecting end users and suppliers of electrical design tools and services for facilitating electronic design. That is, the portal provides users access to information on electronic components and electronic component data is stored in a remote database and part of the stored information is copied to the end user's workstation including a link to the remote database or a supplier's database (see column 6, lines 19-36).

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Robertson fails to disclose information regarding noise countermeasures. The Examiner also asserts that Van Huben discloses the deficiencies of Robertson. However, the Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Van Huben discloses in FIG. 2, a design control system used in connection with the design of integrated circuits, which receives a request of a user initiated from a client screen and fills the request by providing a way to track a model during a design phase via a data management system (see column 11, lines 1-11). In addition, Van Huben mentions tracking the components of a model such as noise analysis (see column 17, line 64).

Van Huben does not disclose a "noise countermeasures list information generating means...[and] noise countermeasure information determining means as recited in claim 1. Nor does Van Huben disclose "an information usage processing unit comprising circuit information transmitting means for transmitting circuit information to said server, noise countermeasure list information control means for performing a user interface control process on noise countermeasure list information transmitted from said server, noise countermeasure information receiving means for receiving noise countermeasure information transmitted from said server, and identifier transmitting means..." as recited in claim 3. Nor does Van Huben disclose all of the similar limitations as recited in claims 4, 5, 7 and 10 from which claims 2, 6 and 8 respectively depend.

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Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that neither <u>Robertson</u> nor <u>Van Huben</u>, individually or combined, suggest all of the features recited in claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10. Therefore, the combination of <u>Roberston</u> and <u>Van Huben</u> fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness. Thus, claims 1-8 and 10 patentably distinguish over the combination of <u>Robertson</u> and <u>Van Huben</u>. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 10 is respectfully requested.

IV.   CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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